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DECELERATION IN AN ADAPTIVE SPEED CONTROL

SYSTEM BASED ON VEHICLE SPEED

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims

Please cancel claims 1 and 9 without prejudice. Please replace claims 2 and 10 as shown below. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached to this Response.

(twice amended) In an adaptive speed control system for a vehicle, a method for controlling vehicle deceleration, the method comprising:

determining a speed of the vehicle; and

setting a maximum allowed vehicle deceleration based on the vehicle speed determined, wherein setting the maximum allowed vehicle deceleration based on the vehicle

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